

**CHRISTMAS CARD TREE IN AID OF METHODIST FUND  
FOR WORLD MISSION**

There will be an opportunity to send Christmas greetings to the Church family by placing a Christmas card on the tree in the church entrance hall and contributing to the World Mission Fund. Last year this amounted to £105, I am hoping to top this in 2008! Please put your donation in an envelope and pass it to me or one of the stewards. Thank you.

Beth Saunders (Treasurer M.F.F.W.M.).

**THIS MONTH:**

**December 2008** is now available on a cream sheet. Items for the January monthly sheet should be submitted by Tuesday 16 December.

If you have items for the weekly notices, please submit them to the church office by 11.00 am on Thursday.

***In the unlikely event of a fire, the fire alarm will sound. Please follow a Fire Marshall leaving by the nearest fire exit.***

***Assembly point: lower car park.***

**Church office hours:  
Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am - 12.30 pm**

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**WELCOME TO  
RIDGWAY METHODIST CHURCH**

If you would like to help us get to know you, please complete the following information.

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Other) .....

CHRISTIAN NAME .....

SURNAME .....

POSTAL ADDRESS .....

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POSTCODE .....

TELEPHONE NUMBER .....

E-MAIL .....

*THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS HELPFUL*

ARE YOU OFTEN HOME DURING THE DAYTIME?  
YES / NO (*please delete*)

- ..... I have just moved to the area.
- ..... I am interested in joining the church.
- ..... I would like to know more about Gift Aid
- ..... I would like the minister to call
- ..... I would like information about

.....

*(please tick as appropriate).*

Please put in the office post box in the church entrance or pass to a steward. Personal information given on this form may be stored on computer.

If you are on holiday please take our greetings to your home church.



Welcome to  
**Ridgeway  
Methodist Church**  
**14 December 2008**

**10.30 am**

**Revd John Haley**

Please join us for coffee/tea  
after the morning service

**6.00 pm**

**Revd John Haley**  
**(All-age candlelit carols)**

Seasonal refreshments are served  
after the evening service

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## PRAYER FOR TODAY

Lord Jesus Christ, we look forward to that day when your kingdom shall come. Until then, we trust in you, secure in your love, confident in your eternal purpose, assured that your will shall be done. To you be praise and glory, now and forever.

AMEN

This Week's Bible Verse



He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John."

(Luke 1:63)

## THIS MORNING'S ORDER OF SERVICE

*Hymns and songs are projected. If you would like a copy of Hymns & Psalms (HP) and Songs of Fellowship (SF) please ask a door steward for the books and refer to the list below.*

HP 244 Sing we the King who is coming to reign

HP 81 Come thou long-expected Jesus

HP 89 The race that long in darkness pined

HP 79 Of the Father's love begotten

SF 1422 Look to the skies  
What kind of throne

HP 246 There's a light upon the mountains

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## THIS WEEK'S DIARY

### Monday 15 December:

9.00 am - 1.00 pm Pre-school  
6.00 pm Boys' Brigade Christmas party  
7.30 pm Bible Study Christmas party

### Tuesday 16:

11.00 am Pre-school Nativity  
10.00 am-11.30 am Parent/Toddler Group  
10.00 am-12.00 Patchwork group  
7.45pm Ladies' Group: Revd John Haley  
(Christmas message and carols)

### Wednesday 17:

9.00 am-1.00 pm Pre-school  
Noon: Christmas Dinner  
4.30 pm Candlelit Christingle for all the family

### Thursday 18:

9.00 am-1.00 pm Pre-school  
2.45 pm Women's Fellowship  
Carol Service Revd John Haley

### Friday 19:

9.00 am-2.40 pm Pre-School  
10.00 am-11.30 am Parent/Toddler Group

### Saturday 20:

10.00 am-12.00 pm Oasis Coffee Bar:  
Local Mission (Pat)

### Sunday 21:

10.30 am Mrs Janet Dobinson  
6.00 pm Revd John Haley  
(Candlelit Favourite Carols)

### Christmas Eve

11.15 pm Holy Communion

### Christmas Day

10.00 am All-age service

## PRAYER DIARY

Requests for prayer are included in the prayer diary for three weeks. After the third week you can renew these requests if you have updated information. Please inform a steward of your request. Prayer cards are also available for use or to be given to family or friends who might wish to send in requests.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Revd John Haley who is leading our services today and all the young people who will also be taking part this evening. We continue to pray for Maureen, Shirley, Betty Keith, Joan Locke, Betty James and her brother Owen Hedges. For those expecting to be alone and lonely at Christmas and beyond, including Fiona.

## ALL-AGE CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE TONIGHT 6.00 pm

All those wishing to join in the procession up the Ridgeway please be outside the Co-op at 5.30 pm. Children's Christmas activities and preparation for the service will start at 3.00 pm. Children will need a packed tea and should be collected at 5.00 pm ready for the procession.

## SINGING HELP NEEDED

Around the wards of Derriford Hospital during the evening of Thursday 18th December. All those who wish to take part please meet at the hospital chapel at 6.45 pm. Seasonal refreshments will be available at the conclusion at about 8.00 pm.

## BOOKSTALL

Today is the last day for the current books on our bookstall, so don't forget to take a look. A new selection will be available next week, just in time for Christmas!

## INVITATION FROM MILLBROOK

Friends at Millbrook invite everyone to their Christmas Eve Carol Service (6.00 pm). If anyone is prepared to help with leafleting in Millbrook on Monday 22 December please speak to John Haley.